

## House Resolution 1761

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Rogsbert F. Phillips; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Rogsbert F. Phillips has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for her leadership in the field of medicine, her compassionate treatment of her patients, and  
4 her deep concern for the well-being of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has been recognized with the 2010 Stand Up! Speak Out Award  
6 from the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund for her dedication to her patients and  
7 community outreach work; and

8 WHEREAS, a board-certified general surgeon, Dr. Phillips heads Metro Surgical Associates,  
9 a community based surgical practice with offices in Lithonia and Atlanta, and serves as Chief  
10 of Surgery at DeKalb Medical Center; and

11 WHEREAS, a talented physician, she serves at the forefront of breast cancer research and  
12 performs ductal lavage and breast duct endoscopy, a groundbreaking procedure to treat breast  
13 cancer patients; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1989, Dr. Phillips founded Sisters...By Choice, Inc., a nonprofit organization  
15 that began as a breast cancer support group committed to education, counseling, and  
16 providing emotional support to breast cancer patients and their families; and

17 WHEREAS, since the organization's inception, Sisters...By Choice has evolved into an  
18 organization that provides a myriad of patient services and free public outreach programs,  
19 including education, awareness, screening, diagnosis, and treatment to medically underserved  
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, a graduate of Columbia University School of Medicine, Dr. Phillips became the  
22 second woman and the first African American to successfully complete Emory University's  
23 surgical program; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the  
25 American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association, Association of Women  
26 Surgeons, Georgia Surgical Society, Medical Association of Georgia, American Society of  
27 Breast Surgeons, National Medical Association, Atlanta Medical Associates, and the Medical  
28 Association of Atlanta; and

29 WHEREAS, she has carried her fight against breast cancer around the globe to the former  
30 Soviet Union and to South Africa as a member of a missionary team and has provided  
31 internship programs for students from Bedfordshire, Grand Cayman, and the Netherlands.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Dr. Ragsbert F. Phillips on her incredible career in the  
34 medical field, congratulate her on her recognition with the 2010 Stand Up! Speak Out  
35 Award, and extend to her their utmost gratitude for the groundbreaking research and  
36 treatment techniques she performs on behalf of breast cancer patients.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ragsbert F. Phillips.